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MILL STREET

Neighbors alarmed at planned development

'Affordable housing' at former farm could override town zoning rules

By Paul Burdziakowski

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Residents of Mill Street were surprised, angry and frustrated recently to learn that a low-income housing development is being planned for a former farm on their busy street — and there seems to be little they can do to

Close to 40 people from Feeding Hills and Agawam gathered early Sunday afternoon at the Feeding Hills home of Kristin Di-Cioccio to voice their concerns about what might be built at 586

Mill St., a 12.5-acre property just west of Franklin Street. A Springfield-based nonprofit, HAP Housing, is purchasing the property and plans to develop it, if necessary, under Chapter 40B of state law, which allows an "affordable housing" developer to sidestep local zoning.

One of the neighbors at the meeting was Suzanne Fleming, who lives directly across the street. She said that she, along with many other families living along Mill Street, would be greatly disrupted by an addition of a large affordable housing development.

"I was told up to 60 to 70 units could be going in there with a minimum of two people per unit," Fleming said. "That's at least 140 people and 140 cars coming out onto a very narrow road. This is a quiet neighborhood that people enjoy. It's the reason people bought property here in the first

Carolyn Sheil, a project manager with HAP, told residents at Sunday's meeting that HAP doesn't have any plans yet on what type of housing will be built

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Anthony Provost and Suzanne Fleming stand in their Mill Street front yard, across the street from the 12.5-acre property that HAP Housing plans to develop. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Shannon Fleury of Agawam, left, and Lynne Ogden of Springfield celebrate during the Wicked Jeep night at Agawam's American Legion Post 185 on Tuesday. Ogden has owned the 2016 Wrangler since March, and is a first-time Jeep owner. "I've wanted to own one forever," she said. Story and more photos, page 8. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Colton Pleshaw of Feeding Hills is only 3 months old, but he's already on his way to becoming a Jeep fanatic like his parents, wearing a T-shirt with a Jeep logo and the words "born to crawl." Holding him is his mother Kelly.

HERBOLOGY GROUP

Marijuana dispensary to seek town's support

By Michael J. Ballway and Gregory A. Scibelli

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A medical marijuana company with the stated goal of opening a dispensary in Hampden or Berkshire counties is making overtures to Agawam's mayor and city councilors.

Councilors at their meeting on Monday said they have received letters from Herbology Group Inc., a Pittsfield-based company, and have concerns about opening such a facility in town. They asked to be placed on the council's Aug. 1 agenda.

Mayor Richard Cohen, though, said this week that he's also been in contact with Herbology and would like to hold a public meeting with the company so that he. the council, the Planning Director and town solicitor could better understand the proposal before the council votes on it.

Asked if he had any specific concerns about the proposal, Cohen replied: "When I have more information, I can answer that question. ... At this point, it's all in an exploratory phase."

In a letter dated July 11 ad-

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CROWLEY'S STABLES

Fire at horse barn still under investigation; business open

By Gregory A. Scibelli

timetable on when they will know what caused the fire last week that razed a barn in the Crowlev farm on Shoemaker Lane and killed one horse.

Early this week, Agawam Fire Deputy Chief B.J. Calvi said the investigation into the fire was a joint effort between the Agawam Fire Department, the state Fire Marshal's office and the Agawam Police Department.

Just because the police are involved does not mean there is definitely foul play involved, the deputy chief "It is standard procedure for the police to be involved in the investigation," said Calvi. "There are no conclusions yet and we are still investigating. I do not know when the investigation will be complet-

Alice Crowley, one of the barn's owners, said Tuesday that until the investigation is

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Linda Kay of Agawam, third from left, stands with other Western Massachusetts volunteers at Link to Library Inventory Day. Pictured with her, from left, are Danielle Doleva, Julia Doleva, Steve Kaplan, Phyllis Walsh and Gail Baquis.

Volunteers count up books to donate

HAMPDEN — Linda Kay of Agawam was among the Link to Libraries volunteers who recently took inventory and counted more than 30,000 new books stocked in the warehouse of Link to Libraries in Hampden. The volunteers included teens and adults.

The morning included wearing Elephant and Piggy hats to commemorate the Mo Willems book celebration.

Susan Jaye-Kaplan, president of Link to Libraries, stated, "Inventory is a rigorous time with over 30,000 books to count. With a wonderful crew of volunteers of all ages we are able to accomplish the

task in a short time, have fun doing this and enjoying one another's company. We are honored by the support of the community."

Link to Libraries distributes books to underserved youth in Western Massachusetts. Many of the children they have helped have never previously owned a book, and use the gift to begin building their home library. The group has donated almost 500,000 new books and 5,000 gently used books to local children and schools.

For more information or to get involved with Link to Libraries, visit www.linktolibraries.org or call 413-224-1031.

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Rotary collecting food for Parish Cupboard

The Agawam Rotary Club will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Parish Cupboard at the SummerFest concerts for the next five weeks.

According to Martha Tighe, director of the Parish Cupboard, summer is a time of critical need. In addition, low-cost or free meals are not available to children through the schools during the summer, making the need even greater.

Concertgoers are asked to bring nonperishable food items to the concert. A bin will be located in the pavilion next to the concession stand to receive the items.

Rotary is an international service organization with the motto, "Service Above Self" whose international priority is the eradication of polio. Locally, the Agawam Rotary Club provides support to such organizations and programs as Rosie Robotics, Salvation Army, Junior Achievement and the Agawam Historical Society.

For more information, visit www.agawamrotary.org. Rotarians will also be at the concert concession stand.

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Council approves \$150K for new cruisers

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

The Agawam City Council is still approving large funding transfers as the fiscal 2017 budget cycle begins.

On Monday night, the council approved a transfer of \$150,000 to be used for purchase of up to three new police vehicles, which Police Chief Eric Gillis said will be marked cruisers.

According to a report from Finance Subcommittee Chairman Christopher Johnson, Gillis said the transfer was possible because of unspent money in the police salaries line item from fiscal 2016. The money was left over because new police officers that were included in the budget were not hired during the year, which ended June 30.

"Chief Gillis indicated that due to availability from the academy and other issues, the number of officers were not hired during the last budget, resulting in the money being left over," said John-

While there were a number of questions whether or not the money should be transferred back to free cash for certification, Town Treasurer-Collector Laurel Placek said the step was not necessary, and the committee recommended the transfer.

Gillis said the three new vehicles will help supplement the current fleet of vehicles and specifically replace three unmarked cruisers with high mileage, declining performance, and higher maintenance costs.

Gillis says the marked cruisers will be especially helpful if there is a need for a high-response call.

"The chief said having more marked vehicles would work in the event of a larger incident," said Johnson.

The transfer was unanimously approved without any further discussion from the council.



from 6 to p.m. at the 663 Main Street landmark. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fundraiser on July 22 helping to preserve local history

An outdoor Summer Craft Beer Tasting and Barbecue is being held Friday, July 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam. The fundraising event is being sponsored by McCarthy Liquors, with proceeds being donated to the Leonard House for the maintenance and preservation of this historic landmark.

In addition to a large variety of craft and domestic beers, the tavern fare will include pulled pork, homemade macaroni and cheese with ham, hamburgers and hotdogs, salads, and ice cream for dessert.

The Captain Charles Leonard House board of trustees appreciates the support from many local businesses which make this event possible. The Friday evening event will be held under tents provided by Ham Hill Tents of Southwick, the food is being prepared and served by Murphy's Pub, the Main Street Grille of Agawam, and the Ice Cream Shoppe of Feeding Hills, and live music will be performed by former Feeding Hills resident Rick Gemme.

Tickets are available now for \$25 each at McCarthy Liquors, 430 Main St., Agawam, Johnny Mac Liquors, 1949 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, or by calling Phil Kimball at 413-374-5673. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Attendees must be at least 21 years old.

Friends to host

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will host a trip to "Tanglewood on Parade" Tuesday, Aug. 2. A King Ward bus will depart at 5 p.m. from the Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main St., with a stop at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites at 39 South-

Cost is \$48 per person and includes transportation, driver's tip, tickets in the shed in Section 17 and a bag lunch for a picnic before the concert. Travelers can bring their own beverage.

For more information, call 413-821-0605, ext. 0.

Tanglewood bus trip

ampton Road, Westfield, at 5:20 p.m.

Chambers to hold networking night

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Thursday Nights!

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The West of the River Chamber of Commerce will host a "Multi-Chamber Night of Networking" from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Cal's Woodfired Grill, 1068 Riverdale St., West Springfield. The fee for the event is \$10.

For more information and tickets, call 413-426-3880 or email info@ westoftheriverchamber.com. Registration is also available online at www. westoftheriverchamber.com.

THURSDAY

Library events for adults include games, treats, retreat workshop

The Adult Summer Reading Program is going strong at the Agawam Library. Participants will read or listen to a book checked out on their own card from the Agawam Library and are then asked to fill out review slips and drop it in the box at the "On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!" showcase. Throughout the summer, review slips are displayed in the showcase to see what others are reading. Completed review slips will be drawn in a raffle on Aug. 12 at 3 p.m. Prizes are valued at \$25. For every program participants attend this summer, they earn an extra raffle ticket. Several programs are scheduled for the next two weeks.

Monday, July 18: On Your Mark, Get Set ... Breathe! Mindfulness Workshop, 7 p.m. Mindfulness is paying attention, on purpose, to what is happening now, with an open heart and without judgment. Mindfulness can ease stress, sleep disturbance, anxiety, medical issues and promote wellness and peace of mind. Leslie Smith Frank will offer a "retreat-shop" that will highlight first-person learning of mindfulness practice; emphasize the brain science behind mindfulness while incorporating dialogue and group discussion in an atmosphere of kindness and compassion. For more information, visit www.map-center.org.

Tuesday, July 26: On Your Mark, Get Set ... Feast! Cooking Demonstration, 6:30 p.m. Creative Feast's Liz Barbour will present a delicious exploration of her favorite recipes from books she has read, including "Care and Management of Lies," "Blood, Bones and Butter," "As Always, Julia," "A Year in Provence" and "Where the Sidewalk Ends." For more information, visit www.thecre-

Thursday, July 28: On Your Mark, Get Set ... Play! Board Games on the Library Lawn, 6:30 p.m. Who doesn't love Yahtzee and Checkers? Adults are invited to come play these and more giant-sized board games outdoors. The event will be held inside if it rains.

Monday, Aug. 1: On Your Mark, Get Set 'Scream! Ice Cream Tasting, 6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Roman, avid ice cream fan and reviewer, is back by popular demand. She will discuss how she rates ice cream based on flavor, texture and mix-ins. This program is for adults only. The results of the tasting may be a part of her newspaper column.

Registration is now open for the Adult Summer Reading Program. To sign up for events, call 413-789-1550, ext. 1550, visit www.agawamlibrary.org or go to the library at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read! is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Library System, the Agawam and Massachusetts Cultural Councils, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Collaborative Summer Library

Senior Friends off to the races

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will host a bus trip to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on Thursday, Aug. 25. Cost is \$86 per person and includes a stop for lunch at Grandma's Restaurant in Albany, N.Y. Entrée selections include a choice of yankee pot roast, roast half chicken, baked haddock or homemade vegetable lasagna, with soup or salad, breads, rolls and butter, non-alcoholic beverage and pie.

Following lunch the bus will continue to the Saratoga Race Course with reserved grandstand seating. The bus will leave the old Agawam Senior Center lot at 9 a.m. and will return at approximately 8:30 p.m. A \$10 deposit is required with reservations with the balance due on or before July 20. Checks made payable to the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center may be mailed to P.O. Box 601, Agawam, MA 01001. Be sure to include name, address, phone number and choice of entrée.

For more information, call Penny at 413-519-7223.

Tickets available for trip to see Sox

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will host a bus trip to Fenway Park on Friday, Aug. 26, for a Boston Red Sox game against the 2015 World Series champion Kansas City Royals. This is expected to be one of David "Big Papi" Ortiz's final games with Boston.

Game time is 7:05 p.m. The bus will leave the Agawam Senior Center at 954 Main St. at 4 p.m. Cost is \$107 per person and includes the bus, driver tip and seats in the infield grandstand Section 21. Tickets are available on a firstcome basis.

For more information, call 413-821-0514 or visit the Parks and Recreation Department at 1000 Suffield St., Aga-

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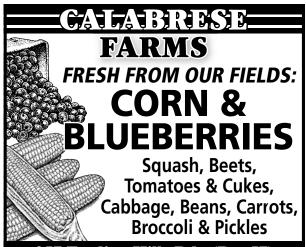


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Opinion

HAP plan surprising, but not a total shock

an you really be taken by surprise by a law that's been on the books for almost half a century? Well ... yes, you can, if that law is Chapter 40B. That's the state law that requires towns to maintain a subsidized affordable housing inventory — affordable for people who earn 80 percent of the region's median income — equal to 10 percent of the town's overall housing stock. This law has been in effect since

It's proven newly controversial on Mill Street, now that a Springfield-based nonprofit plans to develop subsidized affordable housing on a 12.5-acre former farm. Because Agawam, like most towns of its size, doesn't meet the 10 percent goal, HAP Housing can appeal to the state to override local zoning and, essentially, build whatever it wants as long as at least 25 percent of its housing units are subsidized for low-in-

When a town challenges a 40B developer, the state tends to take the developer's side, except in extreme cases. In this case, a 70-unit development's impact on traffic, neighborhood quality of life, public safety and schools will be substantial — but no more than any other development of this sort, almost anywhere else in town.

Mill Street is already a well-traveled thoroughfare, not a country lane. The proposed development is less than a mile from the Route 57 expressway and within walking distance of shopping on Springfield Street and in Feeding Hills Center — not exactly the middle of nowhere. It's surrounded by other residential properties, including the Lamplighter apartment buildings to the north.

The state is likely to reject any attempts by Agawam to defeat the proposal as inconsistent with its neighborhood. After all, the entire purpose of Chapter 40B is to force suburban, middle- and upper-class towns like Agawam to take on what the state considers their fair share of the burden of low-income housing.

In the theoretical sense, it's not so controversial to suggest that Agawam has an obligation to increase its subsidized low-income housing stock — in fact, that's exactly what the Housing Needs Study did. And given that the state has been implicitly threatening a 40B project to almost every suburban town since 1969, it should be no shock that Agawam would host one.

That's small consolation to the residents of Mill Street, however, who will bear the brunt of the disruption and uncertainty that this project brings. Perception and prejudice being what they are, the HAP project will affect home values regardless of whether it actually does bring more crime. No development could ever produce less noise and less conflict than a vacant field. And no matter how you slice it, 70 units means 140 more cars on the road — on their street.

And they - unlike the neighbors of market-rate subdivisions or apartment complexes in town — will have limited or no ability to put pressure on local elected officials to modify or reject the project.

HAP's plan may serve a broader sense of fairness, forcing Agawam to share some of the burden that disproportionately falls on bigger cities like Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke. For the individual householder living next to it, however, Chapter 40B is an unpleasant surprise.

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JAY SPEAKS

The ending at Appomattox

Jay Berger

'n the early 1930s, I attended a parade ing, few weapons or ammunition, and they and in one of the celebrity autos, I spotted a couple older men in strange

uniforms. I asked my dad about them and he answererd, "They are former Union soldiers who fought in the Civil War."

As I wnt through the grades and on into high school, I learned more and more about the Civil War. I learned about keeping the Union of states together. About the abolition of slavery and the battles that were fought to make it all happen.

A few years ago, Kitty and I signed up for a Road Scholar

program in Richmond, Va. We visited the entire area: Jefferson Davis's office. The Confederate Museum of History. The statues of Rebel generals down a long park-like street ending with the statues of the tennis great Arthur Ashe.

The big takeaways that we left with were: 1. The war was not fought over slavery or the Union, but it had to do with states' rights ... after all, wasn't it a war between the states? 2. If "Stonewall" Jackson was not killed early in the war, the South would have prevailed.

At any rate, a year or so later we decided that on a trip south to Florida, we would visit some of the last battle sites of the war, ending in Appomattox, Va.

Just south of Richmond is the city of Petersburg. There the Union forces thought they had won an easy victory, but due to some poor tactics, lost the initiative and that city became a nine-month siege.

Gen. Robert E. Lee had a good-sized army at that point (almost 100,000 men). The plan was: "The North is tiring of the war; if we can drag this out, they will look for an end and we will have won." Lee was wrong. Through poor health, bad food, injuries, deaths and troops walking away, when the siege was broken and General U.S. Grant's troops took Richmond, the Rebel army was down to 50,000 troops,

Lee took his troops south to a railway crossing where he thought they would be resupplied. The supply train never arrived. The Confederates had no food, no clothwere now down to 25,000 men. The Union army now numbered 200,000, well supplied and well fed.

> Lee took his troops west to Appomattox Courthouse. Some of his officers wanted to continue the fight, but Lee shook his head, no. He called for a meeting with Gen. Grant. Grant agreed to the meeting; it was set at a local judge's home.

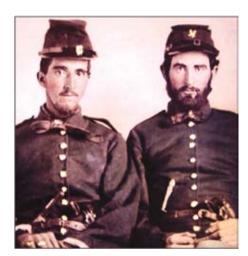
> Grant offered fairly reasonable terms. The officers under Lee could keep their horses and sidearms. None of the Confederate troops would be considered

traitors, but could go home and resume their lives. Gen. Grant would send three days' worth of food and provisions over to the Rebel army. At the end of the third day, the surrender ceremony would take place.

After four years of war, it was over. Hundreds of thousands of casualties. The South all torn up.

Nowadays, most of the South has recovered nicely. For me, it sort of finished a question that I had asked my dad all those years ago: "Who are those strange uniformed men?" They saved the Union!

Jay Berger is retired from a job in publishing and lives in Agawam with his wife Kitty. They have three children and six grandchil-





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Councilors also wary of HAP, but constrained by 40B law

By Gregory A. Scibelli gscibelli@turley.com

The Agawam City Council is supportive of the concerns of Mill Street residents who came forward at Monday night's regular council meeting to express their concern over a potential low-income housing complex.

HAP Housing has a purchase and sales agreement for 586 Mill St., and is considering building a 60- to 70-unit low-income housing complex at that 12.5-acre former farm. The news has put the neighbors into a panic, and after mobilizing on social media and holding an unofficial community forum over the weekend, they turned to the City Council on Monday night seeking explanations and support.

They received empathy from their elected officials, but Council President James Cichetti said there unfortunately is little they can do.

"If HAP files an application under [Chapter] 40B, we have pretty much no say about the zoning or what goes on the parcel," said Cichetti. "Believe me. I am in real estate, and I have a lot of concerns. But under 40B, this council. and the town, have no power."

Several city councilors shared their concerns as well, and Councilor Christopher Johnson suggested to Cichetti that a meeting with HAP at a council workshop might be a good idea, as an official public meeting where more information can be shared with neighbors and the community at

A number of residents who attended the council meeting said they felt blindsided by the news that HAP was seeking to start a housing complex on Mill Street. Councilor Richard Theroux countered, saying meetings were held and advertised in local media.

Five residents in the group of about 20 rose and spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting, each one speaking against any HAP housing on Mill

On resident, Suzanne Fleming, said the complex's driveway would empty out right in front of her home. She said low-income housing does not fit the neighborhood and would create an unnecessary influx of traffic on an already busy street.

"I would not even be able to sell my home," said Fleming. "I live next to two blighted properties, and they cannot sell anymore, either, with the knowledge that HAP housing may be going in."

"I'm really worried about the number of people that will get iammed into that 12-acre property," Anthony Provost told the council. "I think crime will increase. We all know what low-income housing breeds."

Councilors who spoke at the end of the meeting said they are on the side of residents, with Councilor George Bitzas suggesting the council draft a resolution vocalizing their position against the housing complex.

DISPENSARY ■ from page 1 years of operation.

dressed to Council President James Cichetti, Herbology's president and CEO, Jane Hawman, said she'd like to begin talking about a host community agreement for a medical marijuana dispensary.

Herbology's proposal includes a \$50,000 annual payment to the town, to begin after the dispensary's first fiscal year in operation, 2018; an additional payment accounting for 1 percent of annual revenue, to increase by 0.5 percent every three years until it reaches 3 percent, with a total donation cap of \$400,000 annually; an additional annual donation of \$10,000 to the Agawam Police Department and \$10,000 to the Agawam Fire Department; sponsorship for veterans programs in town, including upkeep of the state veterans cemetery and organizing veterans substance abuse and post-traumatic stress disorder meetings; and additional donations "to local community programs of our choice based on need."

In return, the company asks for the City Council's support and for a promise that the town not permit any other marijuana dispensary during Herbology's first five

"Giving back to the local community is essential to Herbology Group," the letter states. "We sincerely believe that the town of Agawam can prosper with allocations of donations to the programs

At Monday's council meeting, Councilor Gina Letellier and other councilors said they had also received letters from Herbology and had concerns about the proposal. Cichetti said that both he and the mayor also had questions. It was suggested a preliminary meeting be held and that the council may want to seek a legal opinion on what its options are to accept or deny the proposal.

Medical marijuana was legalized by Massachusetts voters two years ago. According to Cohen, the town at that point was required to adopt a zoning ordinance to allow medical marijuana dispensaries in at least one area of town.



help of volunteers. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

FIRE **■** from page 1

complete, the Crowleys cannot enter the barn and begin repairs. The fire broke out at approximately 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, at the barn on the Suffield Street end of Shoemaker Lane. Agawam Fire officials were called to the scene a short time later, Calvi said.

The Crowlev family, which owns and operates Crowley's Sales Barn and Stables at 32 Shoemaker Lane, worked to evacuate horses and goats that were in the barn, a structure about 40 feet wide by 120 feet

Calvi said family members and firefighters were unable to reach one horse safely. He said firefighters did assist the family in evacuating the animals. While rescuing people is normal in their profession, they are always ready to help out animals.

"When you live in this area, it is something that happens," said Calvi. "We are not officially trained in rescuing animals, but this is not the first time I have been to a fire and rescued livestock."

There were no injuries to firefighters or civilians. About half of the barn was saved and Calvi estimates there is about \$100,000 worth of damage to the barn. A lot of hay was lost in the blaze. Agawam Fire called in aid from Longmeadow and West Springfield departments.

Crowley said the fire destroyed the business' offices and a lot of equipment, including horse saddles and related supplies. Thanks to the efforts of more than 50

volunteers, the horses were moved into stalls that were installed on another part of the Crowley property. "We have gotten such great support from so many people in the equine community," she said. "We are so thankful for the help." She emphasized the fact that the farm is 100 percent open for trail rides, sales and auctions. The phone lines at the business were still down on Tuesday, but they were working to restore them in the near future.

A GoFundMe page has been established by Jamie Savoie of Springfield, with \$1,620 raised in the first week since the fire. The funds are expected to go to the Crowley family to help pay to replace hay, shavings and grain lost in fire. The page states the Crowleys have up to 70 horses to care for. The goal of the page is to raise \$20,000.

However, in a July 6 Facebook post, Crowley said monetary donations were not needed.

"While we appreciate your efforts to contribute funds, we would prefer not to accept monetary contributions," she said. "That's not necessary. We will manage somehow. Water, a hand doctoring horses is all we need."

She also made a Facebook post thanking the fire departments for their great work as well as the po-

"Without them controlling the fire, the hay barn, completely full, would have caused an uncontrollable fire and threatened our neighbor's properties," Crowley said on Facebook.

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Legion Auxiliary meeting open to new members

The Unit 185 American Legion Auxiliary in Agawam will host a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15. The meeting will take place at Melchiori Tax & Financial Services, 24 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, and is open to all members, active and inactive, that wish to attend.

Light refreshments and finger foods will be served. Former member Fran McBride will be welcomed back at the meeting and a discussion will take place on what veteran services mem-

bers can help with. Potential new members are welcome.



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POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 295 calls for service from July 5 to July 10. The department recorded six arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, July 6

Taurie Richardson, 20, of 35 Carmichael Lane, lower apartment, Charlestown, R.I., was arrested on charge of disorderly conduct.

Thursday, July 7

Arnaldo Lopez, 40, of 229 Pendleton Ave., Springfield, was arrested on charges of failure to stop for police (courtesy booking), and speeding (courtesy booking).

Friday, July 8

Theresa Reynolds, 25, of 212 Line St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of armed robbery.

Matthew Kunasek, 25, of 189 Line St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of accessory after the fact.

Michael R. Laiho, 35, of 3 Evergreen St., Southwick, was arrested on a warrant.

Sunday, July 10

John J. Scalise, 63, of 123 Riviera Drive, Agawam, was arrested on charges of leaving the scene of property damage, operating under the influence of liquor, and negligent operating of a motor vehicle.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 49 EMS calls from July 5 to July 10, and the following emergency response calls.

On July 5 at 5:16 p.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for motor vehicle accident with no

On July 6 at 9:15 a.m., the department responded to Central Street for lockout.

On July 6 at 9:20 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire

On July 5 at 9:50 p.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for building fire.

On July 6 at 9:29 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On July 6 at 10:54 a.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for service call, other.

On July 6 at 1:07 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for accident, potential accident, other.

On July 6 at 2:58 p.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for service call, other.

On July 6 at 8:49 p.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for service call, other.

On July 7 at 6:12 p.m., the department responded to Marlene Drive for CO detector activation due to mal-

On July 8 at 12:05 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for alarm system sounded due to mal-

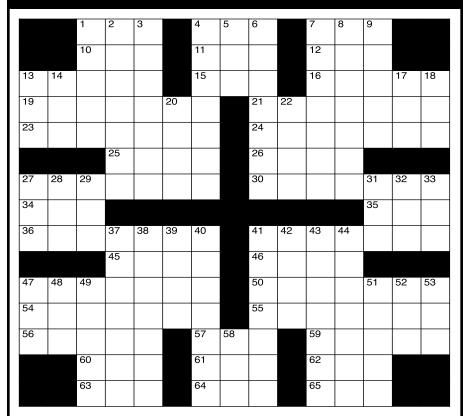
On July 8 at 7:40 a.m., the department responded to Harvey Johnson Drive for lockout.

On July 8 at 11:10 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire unintentional.

On July 9 at 8:51 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street to assist invalid.

On July 9 at 9:46 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with in-

On July 10 at 7:20 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for electrical wiring / equipment problem,



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bate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 7/14/16

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Two more KidsFest performances to come

After its first performance earlier this week, The 2016 KidsFest children's entertainment programs will continue July 27 and Aug. 10. Shows will be held at 11 a.m. on Veterans Green, 689 Main St., Agawam, in front of Phelps School. There is no charge to attend. Scheduled performers are T-Bone (Wednesday, July 27) and Jedlie's Magic Circus (Wednesday, Aug. 10).

In case of rain, the KidsFest shows will be moved indoors to the Phelps gymnasium.

Additionally, the movie "Minions" will be shown at 8:15 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, on a 40 foot inflatable screen outdoors at School Street Park. Popcorn and refreshments will

'Little House' Day celebrates famous author

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Storrowton Village Museum will be celebrating one of the most popular writers of 19th century frontier life, Laura Ingalls Wilder, during "Little House" Family Day, Saturday, July 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the historical museum.

Wilder was an American writer, most notably the author of the Little House on the Prairie books based on her childhood, recounting her life as a young girl on the Western frontier during the late 1800s. Her life and adventures have captivated the imaginations of children for well over 100 years and a popular television series of the same name was loosely based on her

Families are invited to celebrate this beloved author and learn about her New England heritage with ancestors hailing from Corinth, Vt., and Grafton, N.H.

The day includes participation in handson activities to relive the day-to-day lives of 19th century pioneers. Participants will also visit the General Store, try doing the laundry on a washboard, dip candles and "sew early calico pockets." There also be a segment on preserving antique heirloom seeds. Youngsters will play old-fashioned games and lessons will be taught in Storrowton's one-room schoolhouse for a taste of what Wilder's life was like as a schoolteacher.

There will also be a "Fashion Trunk Show," presented by Storrowton Village volunteer Elizabeth Wood, to illustrate what women of Wilder's time would have aspired to wear, whether in New England or on the prairie.

Admission is \$10 per person, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. For those who choose to attend in period dress, a special prize will be awarded for best costume — a complimentary spot in the Early American Summer Days Camp. For more information, call Jackie Sullivan at 413-205-5051.

CAMPUS NOTES

Baldwin Wallace University: Veneta Tzanova Mendelson, of Agawam, graduated at ceremonies held recently.

College of Our Lady of the Elms: Stacey Caplette, Mia Davidson, Alyssa Febo, Carly Fellion, Jude Giordano, Kristina Kopyscinski, Angelina Melloni, Jessica Perusse, Ronald Spafford and Alena Zabedyuk, of Agawam; and Brian Benson, Danielle Dubuc, Rick Giordano, Joseph Grimaldi, Taylor Kareta, Veronica Moquin, Kate Moriarty and Satya Patel, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list. Emmanuel College: Cian O'Sullivan, of Agawam, and Larisa Cassie, of Feeding Hills, graduated at commencement ceremonies held May 14.

Endicott College: Alexis K. Page, of Agawam, was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Roger Williams University: Nicholas Antico, of Agawam; and Joshua Jacques and Allison Weiner, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

The College of Saint Rose: Lauren Booth, of Agawam was named to the spring semester dean's list.

Trinity College: Jillian M. Newton, of Feeding Hills, graduated at commencement ceremonies held May 22.

Westfield State University: Nicholas Taliceo, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester dean's list. He graduated at commencement ceremonies held May 21. Carolyn Donahue, of Feeding Hills, was also named to the spring semester dean's list.

Summer's splash hit



Leilani Ruscio, the daughter of former Agawam Advertiser News sales representative Lindsey Ruscio and her husband, Chris, is all smiles as she enjoys a day of fun at the School Street Park water spray park in Agawam last week. She is the granddaughter of Stephen and Pam Estock of Southwick. The splash pad is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Labor Day. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Theater campers perform original play this weekend

The Red Door Theatre opens its summer STaGE theater with an original play titled "The Lost Bookmarker" by Marilene Allen of Agawam.

The play is the culmination of a weeklong theatrer camp attended by 46 young people from surrounding towns. The story follows the adventures of young Donald, who hates books and doodles all over them. He is punished by having to work in a library where he finds he is transported from story to story trying to escape the craziness he has created with his doodling.

From Hook's dancing pirates to ogres at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, Donald soon begins to wonder if he'll be stuck forever in these mixed-up tales.

The madcap mayhem is scheduled to run July 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m., with matinees July 16 and 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9 each and reservations may be made by calling the box office at 413-789-2026. The theater, at 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, is celebrating its 25th anniversary. For more information on upcoming productions, go to reddoortheatre.com.









Several rows of Jeeps — nearly 100 of them, stock and modified — filled the parking lot at American Legion Post 185 in Agawam on Tuesday for the first Wicked Jeep night event. Proceeds from raffles at the event will benefit the Mercy Medical Center cancer center. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Jeep jamboree helps battle cancer



Ralph Curtis Shortt of Agawam leans across the hood of his 1989 Jeep Cherokee Laredo 4x4. It's been in his family since new and he's planning on restoring the blue-grey SUV.

Ella Smith,7, is too young to drive, but she enjoys sitting behind the wheel of her father's 1977 CJ5 Jeep Wrangler. The West Springfield youngster looks forward to the day when she can drive a Jeep of her own.

By Mike Lydick aan@turley.com

early 100 Jeeps rolled on to the grounds of American Legion Post 185 in Agawam last Tuesday night as avid fans of the iconic brand, which celebrates its 75th anniversary this week, held a friendly get together.

The event, called Wicked Jeep, is similar to a cruise night for classic cars, but with off-roaders instead of street rods. Agawam resident Bob Alves, an avid motorcyclist and owner of Throttle Magazine, a publication about motorcycles, got the idea for a Jeep night last fall.

After surviving a yearlong battle with head and neck cancer in 2012, Alves created Wicked in Pink, a non-profit charity to help others battling cancer. Since 2013, he's held a Wicked in Pink motorcycle run each October to show support for all types of cancers and to help raise funds for Mercy Medical Center's Sister Caritas Cancer Center.

At last fall's motorcycle

run, Alves invited the Jeep community to participate.

"The motorcycle and Jeep communities are very similar," he said. "If you've driven behind a motorcycle, you see riders wave to each other when they pass in the opposite direction. Jeep owners have the same respect for each other and also wave when passing each other."

Friends in the Jeep community helped Alves organize the first of several Jeep nights planned around the area this summer — the next one is scheduled for Aug 9 at American Legion Post 275, "Kennedy Post," in Chicopee. The event, which was free and featured live music, raised funds for Wicked in Pink through raffles.

It was fitting that a Jeep night was held at a Legion post, since the brand has its beginnings in the military, during World War II. The Jeep proved so popular — and indispensable — for many GIs on the battlefield that at the end of the war a civilian version began production.



Agawam resident Warren Miodowski, left, talks about his dark blue 2000 Wrangler with a 6 foot lift and 33 inch tires, with James Barry of Southwick.



Jeeps are parked fender-to-fender at Wicked Jeep night in Agawam. Jeep enthusiasts from the area converged on American Legion Post 185 to show off their rides and admire others.



Sabrina Christie is the proud owner of this black 1999 Jeep Wrangler TJ. The Agawam High School junior will begin driving it next month after she gets her



Steve Merklen of Agawam crawls under a 1997 Jeep Wrangler that is for sale to inspect its front suspension.



Bob Alves of Agawam came up with the idea for a Jeep night after he invited some Jeep Triends to partici-

pate in a charity motorcycle run he

holds each fall. He said motorcycle and Jeep enthusiasts have very

Todd Fitch of Feeding Hills, left, talks with friends Daniel Kolodziej of Southampton, center, and Bob **Gray of West Springfield.**



Heather Christman of Southwick checks out the off-road suspension of a Jeep Wrangler.



Jeeps aren't just for guys — as this "Cowgirl" edition of a Jeep Wrangler makes clear. Not only is it trimmed in pink, but the words on the spare tire cover, also in pink, read: "Silly Boys - Jeeps are for Girls."

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"We haven't ruled out anything yet, including single-family homes," Sheil said. "We are not against building senior projects. We have done so in the past and will continue to do so. We are constrained by what is available to us."

Sheil told residents that they are just at the beginning stages of this project and that there would be plenty of opportunity for the public to give comment and input.

"We didn't know until the end of June that we were going to buy the property," Sheil said. "We haven't engaged an architect yet. A local environmental contractor tested the soil. We know there are no wetlands on the site and that it is clean and

But Fleming said a large housing development in what was formerly open space the property currently has just one 1,000-square foot farmhouse — would add a great deal of stress on emergency vehicles as well wildlife in the area.

"The traffic that already exists on Mill Street often slows our police and ambulances," Fleming said. "Most of the people in this area are older and rely heavily on these entities. I have wild animals on my property that are on the endangered list, like pink salamanders and painted turtles, and I don't want them to be disturbed by trespassers that don't read signs."

"I think it's a tragedy for that location," said City Councilor Donald Rheault, who attended the Sunday meeting. "There is a [high school] and a church right on the road. It's definitely going to generate more traffic, which is already at a dangerous level right now. I think this meeting showed that the neighborhood was extremely concerned. It shows that Agawam will fight if an injustice is brought, and this is definitely an injustice."

Many of the residents at the meeting said they believe taxes will have to be raised to provide services for the increased population, and surrounding property values would go down because of the type of people and activity associated with affordable housing units.

"From our point of view, low-income housing has brought more crime and more people hanging out in the neighborhood," said David Vilkhovy, a resident of Mill

Williams told residents that proper management would help to keep everything in check.

'When we build a property like this it is a huge investment," said Faith Williams, HAP's senior vice president of property and asset management. "We are not going to move people in who will harm the community. We have full-time maintenance and cleaning people. Our properties are privately owned and the owners do pay real estate taxes. We do pay our own water and sewer based on usage."

But Fleming said that as a former resident of Brady Village on Springfield Street she has had a firsthand experience of what it's like living in "affordable housing", and it isn't positive for the neighborhood.

"I see more bad than good out of this," said Fleming. "I lived in Brady Village for six years. It never changed. We were told it would be spruced up and that the bad apples would be removed. It actually went downhill from when I moved in to when I moved out."

No warning

Neighbors also criticized HAP — the initials stand for Housing Assistance Program

- and town officials for failing to publicize the project before this month, and allowing rumors to proliferate rather than hosting a town-sponsored hearing on it.

"I'm concerned for the town," DiCioccio said. "There have been a lot of conflicting stories as to what is going there. I hope this meeting will get everyone in the area to come together and learn the information on what is actually going in there and have a voice in it."

"I'm amazed that the town can do this without checking with the citizens," Mariam Hassad of Feeding Hills said. "I think they should bring it up with the people to see if it's what they want. They are the ones paying the taxes."

"I didn't know anything until I saw it on Facebook yesterday and I think something of this magnitude should have citizen input," said Fay Borgatti, another Feeding Hills resident. "I'm concerned with the way it's being handled and where the property values will go."

Anthony Provost, who lives across the street at 595 Mill St., said he learned of the project through a letter from Planning and Community Development Director Marc Strange. The letter stated that the town has not received any application for building permits, site plan reviews or any other requests for permitting relative to this project. He said he received the letter July 7, but should have been notified sooner about such an important issue.

Zoning concerns

Such a large-scale development would not be permitted under existing zoning on Mill Street, so HAP's first stop at Town Hall will be with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The front of the property is residential and the back is zoned agricultural," said Sheil. "We have not changed the zoning. We do not have the ability to change the zoning. That is your community's decision."

Sheil also said, however, that HAP would appeal the town's ruling should they not receive the votes to change the parcel's current mixed zoning to fully residential. As an affordable housing developer, HAP could invoke Chapter 40B of state law, which enables local zoning boards to approve developments that would otherwise violate zoning rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Chapter 40B, also known as the "anti-snob zoning law," was enacted in 1969 to address the shortage of affordable housing statewide and prevent towns from using their zoning bylaws to exclude lowincome homebuyers and renters.

Rochelle McAdaragh, HAP's senior vice president of real estate development, told the Agawam Advertiser News that the state appeals board tends to rule in favor of developers of "reasonable" projects, and against restrictive zoning, to encourage more affordable housing.

"Chapter 40B allows us to ask for specific zoning waivers," said McAdaragh. "Whatever the current zoning ordinance doesn't allow will go to the Massachusetts Housing Appeals Committee and they will make the final decision."

What will it be?

During Sunday's meeting, Sheil described HAP's mission as creating housing designed to enhance communities and meet local needs. One of those local needs, according to Sheil, is multifamily rental housing for families and individuals of modest means.

Several residents, however, noted that the town's Housing Needs Assessment



The former farm at 586 Mill St. could be developed as low-income apartments or single family homes — and there seems to be little that town officials or neighbors can do to stop or influence the project. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Study completed in April emphasized affordable senior housing as the top priority for Agawam. According to the study, 12 percent of the people living in poverty in Agawam are 65 or older.

Residents said that the neighborhood is better suited to a 55-plus restricted community because it lacks public transportation service and does not have convenient walking access to shopping. They pointed to an 80-acre parcel on Tennis Road and the former site of the Agawam Motel as better options for an affordable housing development for working families.

"This site was on the market, so we purchased it," Williams said. "We build residential housing and we think residential housing in this neighborhood makes sense. We don't have any objection to looking at the other sites that were recommended in addition to this site."

She added: "There are no current funds available at this time to develop senior housing specifically, but the mixed units that we are proposing to build will accommodate seniors. I wish that they could take a tour of some of our other properties so that they can get a better sense of what the development at 586 Mill St. will look like."

Williams said residents will get additional chances to comment publicly on the development as the planning, permitting and approval process play out.

"We appreciate that [neighbors] are very concerned and we will take all that they have said into consideration," Williams said.

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BASEBALL

O'Keefe leads Juniors rally past Chicopee

By Gregory A. Scibelli ascibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM – The Agawam Junior Legion Post 185 baseball team prevailed in a thrilling comeback to take a 4-3 decision against host Chicopee on Monday afternoon, and advance in the double-elimination style playoff format in the District 3 playoffs.

Agawam moved on to play Wilbraham in the second round played earlier this week.

According to coach Ron Wieners, starting pitcher Matt Rogalski made a big difference with a gutsy performance on the mound.

"Matt mixed it up very well and he and catcher Jason Couture were definitely on the same page," said Wieners. "Despite a very tight strike zone by the umpire, Matt hit his spots and settled down after walking a couple batters in the first inning."

He finished with six innings, allowing just two earned runs on two hits for the win.

Dom Ledoux started a big rally in the top of the seventh with his second hit of a game a one-out single down the left field line. He followed a walk by Matt Dube.

Kian O'Keefe then socked a long fly ball to deep center over the outfielder's head to drive in both runners.

Wieners said O'Keefe has been

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Pitcher Matt Rogalski makes a pickoff attempt to first. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

BASEBALL

Senior Legion drops season's final games

By Gregory A. Scibelli qscibelli@turley.com

AGAWAM – The Agawam American Legion Post 185 senior squad dropped their final two games of the regular season last week when they fell by shut out to Wilbraham Post 286 9-0 and also lost to Ludlow in a close 7-6 contest last Tuesday evening.

Against Wilbraham, the defense had a tough time keeping up and the Brownies were unable to provide any sort of run support for their starting pitching.

Agawam's biggest threat came in the bottom of the first inning when the Brownies were able to load the bases with two outs.

It started with Nick Malerba getting hit by a pitch. After Steven Grasso and Austin Sabadosa were both retired, Matt O'Keefe was able to walk to put two runners on. Adam Kerr would also walk to load the bases for Ryan White.

White would be induced to pop out to the pitcher, ending the threat.

Meanwhile, Wilbraham took a 2-0 lead and added a run in the second inning to go up 3-0. Troy Near and Malerba would both single in the second inning, but for the second time, the threat would go unanswered and Agawam had nothing to show for their baserunners.

O'Keefe doubled with one out in the third, but was left stranded after a ground out and a strikeout to end the inning. Wilbraham used a double play to erase a



Kevin Lecuyer pitches for Agawam. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

threat in the fourth inning.

Wilbraham, meanwhile, had no trouble getting to starting pitcher Mike Basile in the first few innings, building an 8-0 lead by the fifth inning. They would score in each of the first five innings. Kevin Lecuyer would get called on to pitch in the last innings for Agawam.

Following the losses, Agawam would end the regular season with a dismal 1-14 record, which put the Brownies in last place in the American Legion summer baseball league.

However, with the change in the playoff format during the past few years, all teams have been

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Scuffling Blue Sox Iose to Sanford

HOLYOKE - The Valley Blue Sox (12-13) fell below .500 for the first time since week one after a 5-4 loss to the Sanford Mainers (13-12) on a rainy Saturday night at MacKenzie Stadium. The Mainers have now defeated the Blue Sox four times by a combined five

After sitting in a tie for first place in the NECBL Northern Division on Sunday, Valley has now lost five games in a row to drop to fifth place in the division.

The Blue Sox led in a game for the first time this week when Erik Ostberg (Hartford) singled home Derek Bauer (SNHU) in the third inning, but the Blue Sox left the bases loaded after Chris Starcun (AIC) struck out and Braxton Morris (Morehead State) flied

Sanford came back to score four runs on Blue Sox starter Alec Tuohy (1-1, 4.55 ERA, SUNY Buffalo) in the fourth inning, highlighted by a 2-RBI double from catcher Tristan

"It was nice to get out to a lead," Valley manager John Raiola said. "But it seems that when you're not winning games, those kinds of things happen to you to keep the snowball

After Sanford took the lead, the Blue Sox went hitless from the fourth through seventh

The Blue Sox threatened, however, in the sixth inning when Sanford's Cole Townsend



Aaron Leasher pitches for the Blue Sox. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

issued back-to-back walks with no outs. The Mainers turned the ball over to Thomas Fortier, who retired the next three Valley hitters in his first appearance of the summer.

"Those at bats in the middle part of the



Kyle Mottice slides back to second.

game are pressurized when you're behind or it's a close game," Raiola said. "That's where guys start to press. You can tell them 100 times to not press and take a good at bat, but it's a lot easier said

Trailing 5-2 in the ninth, Erik Ostberg delivered a 2-out 2-RBI double to the gap in right-center field to cap a 3-RBI night.

"I've been hitting balls hard all week and they haven't been falling," Ostberg said. "I've just been sticking with it and trusting it was going to happen."

The Florence native was named to the

NECBL All Star Game earlier in the day as the starting catcher for the Northern Division.

It's a dream to play in this league first of all, and it's a dream to play for the Blue Sox," Ostberg said. "To be a starter at the All Star Game is a real honor for me, and I'm never going to forget it."

The Blue Sox host the New Bedford Bay Sox tomorrow at 5 p.m. at MacKenzie Stadium for the first meeting between the squads this season. Holyoke native Endy Morales (1-3, 1.38 ERA, West Virginia) will make his first Blue Sox start.

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a strong force for the Junior team this year and is clearly ready for varsity baseball after hitting .485 with 19 RBI this summer.

"Kian has great range and soft hands for a big kid with some raw power as well," said Wieners.

O'Keefe's blast was the offense Agawam needed to pull away and then close out the victory in the bottom of the seventh to send Agawam to the next round against Wilbraham.

Wieners said the win was huge especially since Agawam had already lost a couple of tough games against Chicopee during the regular season.

"Just last week we had a couple of heartbreakers against this team," said Wieners.

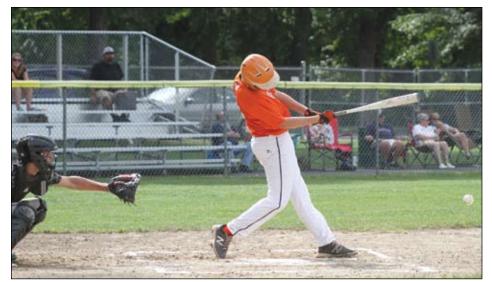
Wieners also complimented the play of catcher Jason Couture, who picked off a runner at third base to end the bottom of the fifth inning.

Agawam has its work cut out against Wilbraham, which is the top seed in the Junior League circuit. Agawam lost to Wilbraham twice during the regular season. Overall, Agawam had an 8-8 season featuring players from the junior varsity and freshman levels at Agawam High School.

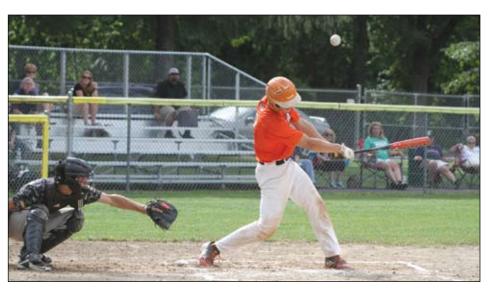
"This Agawam Junior team has been playing some very inspired baseball and it appears that there is hope for the Agawam baseball program," said Wieners.



Jake Wieners extends for a catch at shortstop. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Justin Poirer makes contact for Agawam.



Jason Couture pops the ball up.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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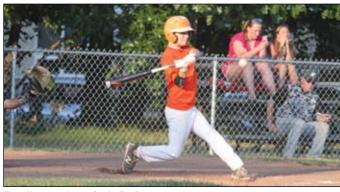
granted the opportunity to participate in the playoffs, and Agawam was able to go out and participate in a best-of-three game series last weekend against Northampton.

The Brownies were swept in the series, losing 8-0 last Saturday, and then 6-3 last Sunday afternoon at home at Shea Park. For Agawam, they went 1-16 for the summer, a tough showing after another tough varsity season.

The team featured several varsity players who played with the team this season as well as some rising varsity participants. Two players from Southwick Regional, Tyler Orban and Travis Pirello, also were on the team this summer.



Catcher Matt O'Keefe fires down to second. TUR-LEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Troy Near socks a single for Post 185



Mike Basile pitches for Post 185.



Ryan White comes up throwing from the outfield.

Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Tuesday, July 19

DEMENTIA CARE EDUCATIONAL SERIES hosted by Genesis Health Care at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., will include a discussion of the signs and symptoms and how the brain changes. For more information, contact Melinda Monasterski at 413-333-2428 or Judy Clini at 413-789-1550.

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Ritchie Mitnick and the Sound of Music Singers. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

FRIENDS OF GRANBY ELDERLY SUM-MER CONCERT from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Dufresne Field in Granby, Conn. will feature the Dan Kane Singers. Free will offering. Bring chairs, blankets and bug spray.

MOVIE NIGHT AT NOBLE & COOLEY CENTER FOR HISTORICAL PRESERVATION at 6:30 p.m. in the museum at 42 Water St., Granville. For more information, visit visit www.ncchp.org.

Wednesday, July 20

SUMMERFEST CONCERT SERIES at 7 p.m. Sugarfoot and the Brass Kickin' Horns will perform in the Darcy Davis Band Shell at School Street Park in Agawam. In case of rain, the concert will be moved to the airconditioned Agawam High School auditorium at 760 Cooper St.

REIDY HOME MEDICAL ALARMS program at 12:15 p.m., at the Southwick Senior Center, 454 College Highway in the activity room. All are welcome.

Thursday, July 21

SOUTHWICK ROTARY'S SOUTH-WICK DAYS today through Sunday at the Southwick Recreation Center on Powder Mill Road. Free admission. Donations accepted. For more information, visit www.southwickdays.com.

Friday, July 22

YANKEE COLOR CLASSIC HORSE SHOW today through Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Saturday, July 23

"LITTLE HOUSE" FAMILY DAY, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Storrowton Village Museum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$10 per person. All children msut be accompanied by an adult.

HAMPDEN COUNTY 4-H FAIR, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in at the Mallary Complex and outdoor horse ring on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

NEW ENGLAND FOOD TRUCK FES-TIVAL, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. today; noon to 8 p.m., Sunday, in the outdoor area on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. \$20 per person Saturday; \$5 Sunday; under 6, free.

Sunday, July 24

FRIENDS OF JAIME S. RIVERA Benefit Car Show at the Southwick Recreation Center, 64 Powder Mill Road. Proceeds to benefit Shriners Hospital for Children. Ran date is July 31.

Tuesday, July 26

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature Old Country Road — vintage and bluegrass. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www.ameliaparkice.org.

Thursday, July 28

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES featuring Richie Mitnick & Friends, sponsored by the West Springfield Parks & Rec Dept., 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Storrowton Village Green on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission

Saturday, July 30

EIGHTH ANNUAL KIDS SAFETY EXPO at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame from 9 a.m. to noon. Free activities include fire safety, k-9 demonstration, clowns, giveaways and resources for lost or missing children such as fingerprinting and dental impressions. For more information, visit KidsSafetyExpo.com.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

"MUSICAL MOMENTS" free concert at 6:30 p.m. at Amelia Park Ice Arena, 21 S. Broad St. Westfield, will feature the Charlie Galvin Band — soft rock. For more information, call 413-568-2503 or visit www. ameliaparkice.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

ONGOING

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GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join,

call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needleworkers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys. org.

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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, July 18: Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, Caesar salad. bananas.

Tuesday, July 19: Egg salad cold plate, tomatoes, cucumbers, cottage cheese, cheese breadstick, pineapple.

Wednesday, July 20: Barbecue chicken, potato salad, three-bean salad, pudding.

Thursday, July 21: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, baked good.

Friday, July 22: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, buttered spinach, applesauce.

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 18: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing, free arthritis seminar (Garden Room); 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 2 p.m., ballroom dance with Ritchie Mitnick; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, July 19: 9 a.m., sewing class, knitting class, summer exercise class; 9:30 a.m., shuffleboard at St. John's Field, S.H.I.N.E.; 10 a.m., chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Miracles from Heaven"), ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 6 p.m., beginner line dance, evening sewing class.

Wednesday, July 20: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, July 21: no exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.

Friday, July 22: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art class; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage, ice cream social; 4 p.m., poker.

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